

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
TRANSITION AGE YOUTH (TAY) DIVISION

**ENHANCED EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM  
(EESP)**

**Program Overview**

The Enhanced Emergency Shelter Program contained in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan will serve the immediate and urgent housing needs of the Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED)/Severely Persistently Mentally Ill (SPMI) TAY population. The goal of this program is to ensure availability in all eight (8) Service Areas and to ensure countywide coverage and geographic accessibility. The primary objective of this program is to provide temporary shelter for TAY clients in a supportive housing environment for up to 29 nights (including extensions) while pursuing the long-term goals of secure, permanent housing. The Enhanced Emergency Shelter Program will offer a warm, clean and safe place to sleep, hygiene facilities; hot meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner); and case management services. Since placement in the Enhanced Emergency Shelter Program is very short-term, a plan for transitioning the TAY client into stable housing should be made at the time of placement into the program.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- TAY 18-25 (Minors 16-17 may be accepted at a later date)
- SED/SPMI
- Indigent
- Homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness
- Does not have any income, benefits, or any other resources to pay for shelter
- Not a danger to self, others, or gravely disabled

*The Enhanced Emergency Shelter Program for TAY targets those youth who can otherwise live independently in the community and have minimal supervision needs.*

*Youth who are dependents of DCFS, on parole or under LPS conservatorship will not be eligible for this program.*

**EESP Locations**

Hermosa Beach  
Pomona  
South El Monte  
Los Angeles  
Long Beach

There are 4 additional confidential shelter locations for female victims of domestic violence.

**The TAY Division is now accepting referrals!**

Please contact the gatekeeper: (213) 738-6194